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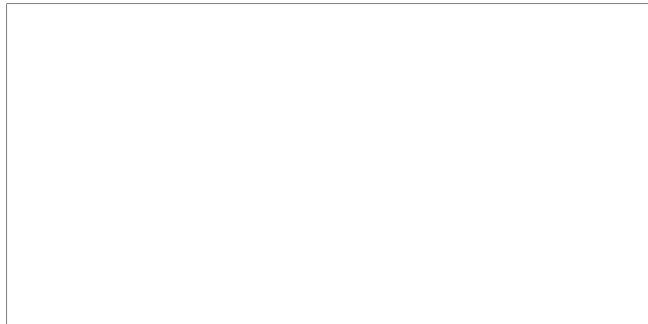
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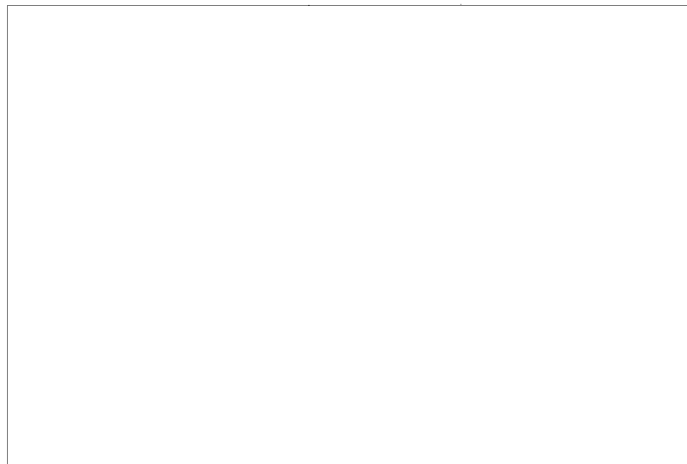
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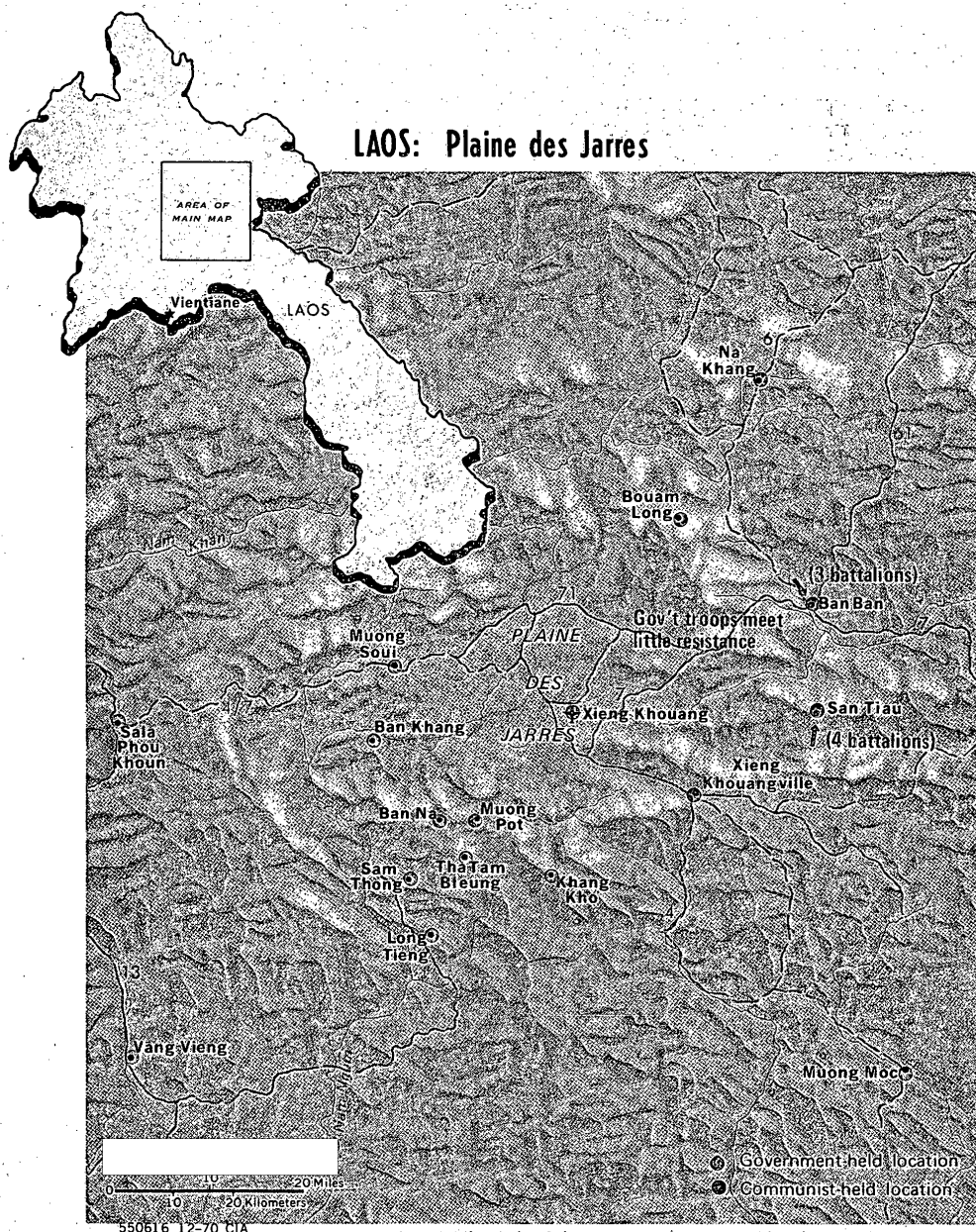
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CHILE

In a speech to last week's plenum of the Chilean Communist Party, Secretary General Luis Corvalan emphasized the compatibility between the policies adopted by Allende's coalition government and the Communist Party's position. He cited economic and other measures already taken as proof that the new administration is "of and for the masses." Welcoming Allende to the plenum, Corvalan indicated that the party relies on him to carry out the revolution that will transfer Chile into a "people's state." Allende told the plenum he would submit legislation this week to nationalize the copper industry, private banks, and insurance companies, and to end monopolies.

Corvalan's speech suggests that Communist Party leaders have become confident that anti-Communist forces in Chile are so weak that an obvious assumption of political influence by the party no longer entails serious risks. In claiming some credit for Allende's initial successes the party seeks to improve its competitive position in the municipal elections next April.

Pravda's account of Corvalan's speech marks a slight shift in Soviet press commentary on the Allende government. In contrast to the previous depiction of the Chilean Communist Party as a reasonable partner in a coalition having wide appeal, Pravda now portrays the party in a more militant and revolutionary light. This suggests that Moscow is less worried than before about possible US and internal Chilean reactions to greater Soviet attention to the Chilean party.



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Laos: Seven battalions of government troops are now operating in the Ban Ban area, and thus far they have met little enemy resistance. The four-battalion irregular force totaling 1,000 men which was airlifted into positions south of Ban Ban on 27 and 28 November has advanced to within two miles of its immediate objective at San Tiau, but is moving slowly because of poor weather. An additional three battalions of 850 troops from Bouam Long have moved into positions about four miles north of the Ban Ban valley and have had only scattered contact with enemy forces. Like the four units to the south, these three battalions intend to attack Communist logistic assets in the Ban Ban area, but will be withdrawn after their primary missions have been accomplished.

Cambodia: The explosion in the US Embassy early today is the first terrorist action in Phnom Penh targeted against the American presence. It could signal an intensified Communist terrorist campaign in the capital. No US personnel were injured in the blast, which was caused by a large plastic charge possibly planted by a local laborer in a section of the embassy now being renovated.

USSR - East Germany - Warsaw Pact: Soviet party chief Brezhnev is expected in East Berlin today for the impending Warsaw Pact summit meeting. This would give him time for private talks with the East Germans before the full summit, which TASS announced yesterday would take place some time this week in East Berlin. The meeting is expected to deal with the coordination of bloc policy toward Bonn, a matter which most directly affects the interests of East Germany and the USSR.

USSR-Guinea: A Soviet missile destroyer which left the Gibraltar area on 26 November is now south of the Canary Islands, and we believe it is en route to Guinea as a demonstration of Moscow's support for Sekou Toure.

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It could reach Conakry about 4 December. Sekou Toure has requested similar support from other nations, but has withdrawn his request to the US.

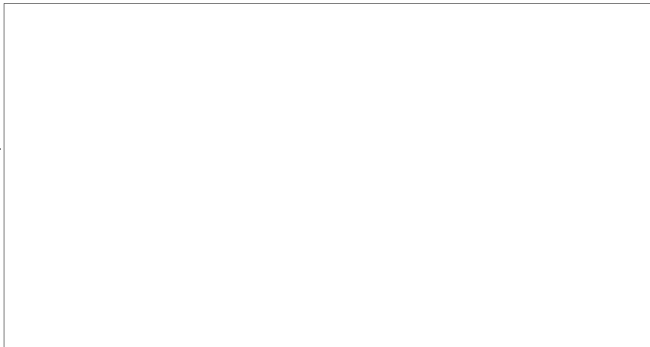
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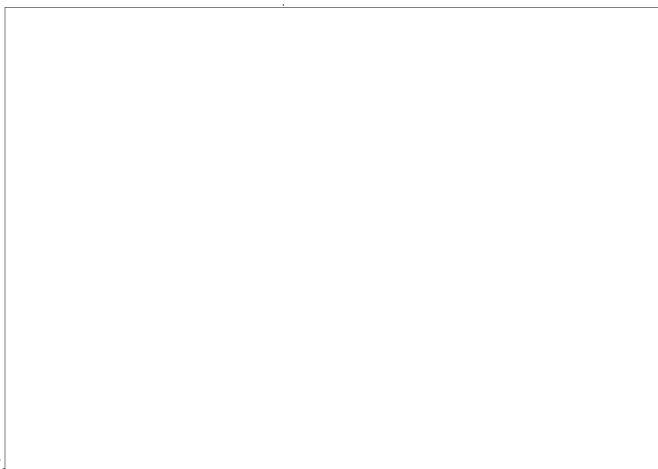
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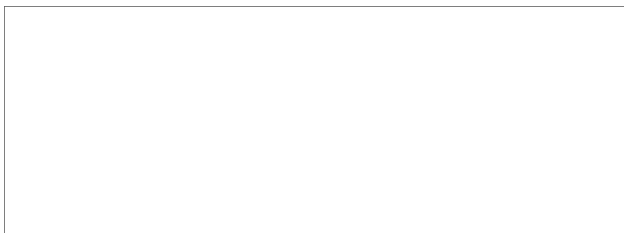
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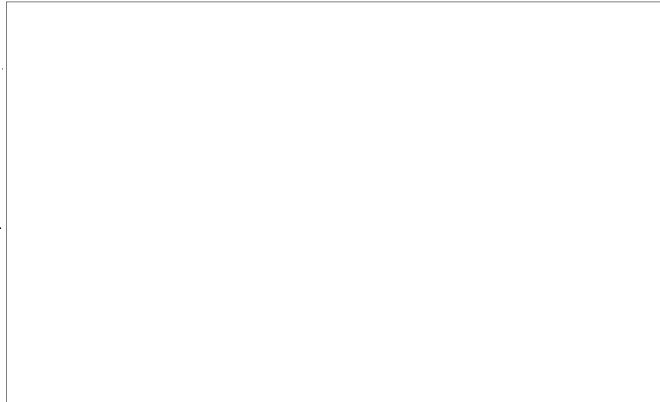
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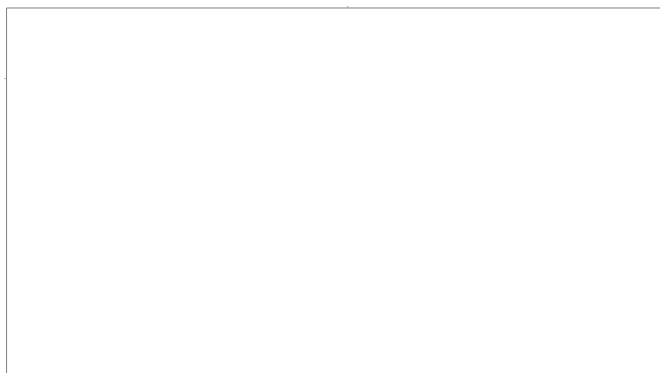
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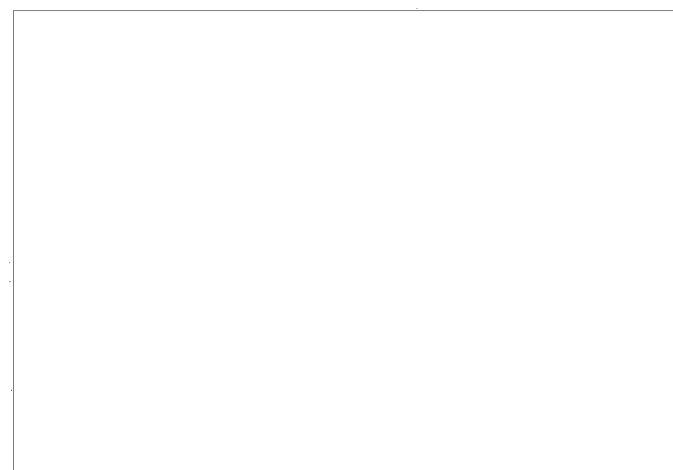
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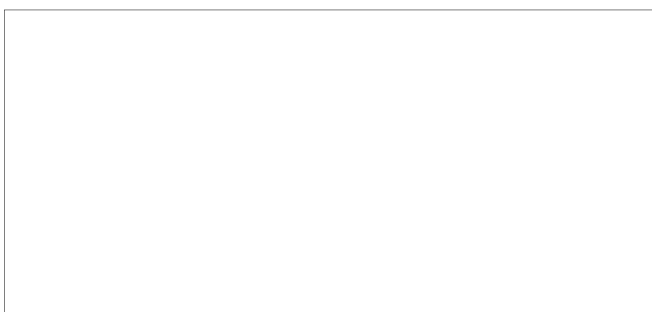
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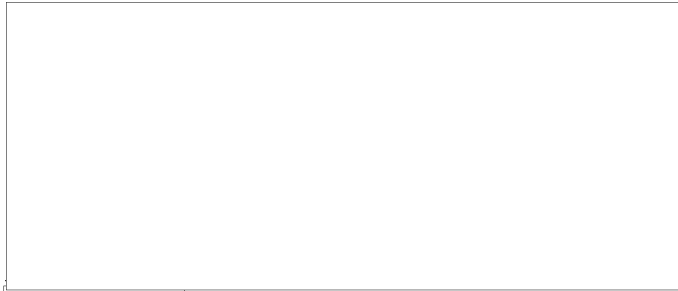
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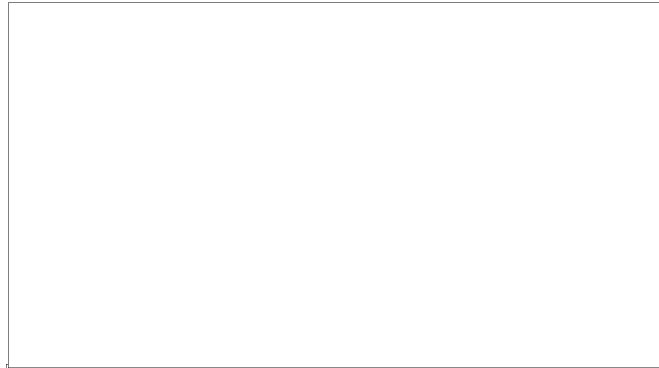
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